

## BLACKHISTORYMONTH

### "Awareness Night"

Friday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.  
North Shore Park Youth Center, Free  
Foods, art exhibit, dances & other fun activities.

### "From Beulah to Beauty" by playwright Fatima Johnson

Saturday, February 25, 7:00 p.m.  
21 Street Recreation Center, \$10.00  
Presented by Miami Beach Recreation  
and Third Eye Books

### "Black to Black: A discourse about color and race"

January 16 - February 28  
City Hall Fourth Floor Gallery, Free  
Art Exhibit curated by ArtCenter/South Florida

## MARKYOURCALENDAR

**Miami International Boat Show**  
February 16 - 20, Miami Beach Convention Center

**Miami Beach Government Offices Closed**  
Monday, February 20 for President's Day

**Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee**  
Wednesday, February 22, 2:30 p.m.,  
City Manager's Large Conference Room

**South Beach Wine & Food Festival**  
February 24 - 26, Various Locations

For more, go to [miamibeachfl.gov](http://miamibeachfl.gov)  
and click on **calendar**.



## IMPORTANTCONTACTS

FOR INFO CALL 305.604.CITY	OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE <a href="http://miamibeachfl.gov">miamibeachfl.gov</a>
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**Answer Center**  
305.604.CITY (2489)

**Parking**  
305.673.PARK (7275)

**Mayor/Commission**  
305.673.7030

**Job Hotline**  
305.673.7777

**City Manager**  
305.673.7010

**Tourism Hotline**  
305.673.7400

**Police (Non-Emergency)**  
305.673.7900

**Sanitation/Garbage**  
305.673.7616

**Fire (Non-Emergency)**  
305.673.7120

**Bulky Waste Pickup**  
305.471.4444

**Parks & Recreation**  
305.673.7730

**Water & Sewer (24 hr)**  
305.673.7625

### PLANNEDPROGRESS

## Better Place: South Beach Improvements



The City of Miami Beach celebrated the completion of the new 14th Street beach restrooms and Lummus Park improvements last week. The \$1.2 million project included a brand new restroom facility, benches, bike racks, widening of sidewalks and other significant infrastructure improvements to the area. It was funded by the People's Transportation Plan, South Pointe Redevelopment Area, and the 1999 Miami Beach General Obligation Bond.

**Left to Right:** Rudy Ayan, F&L Construction, vice president; Gino Escorido, CIP inspector; Jorge Ferrer, Bermello Ajamil & Partners; Jose Salmeron, F&L Construction, superintendent; Billy Suarez, Bermello Ajamil & Partners; Miami Beach Commissioner Richard Steinberg, Carla Dixon, project manager; Commissioner Saul Gross, Mayor David Dermer; City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez; Commissioner Matti Herrera-Bower; Commissioner Luis Garcia; and Commissioner Jerry Libbin.

### CLEANERSAFER

#### IMPROVING THE CLEANLINESS OF MIAMI BEACH WATERWAYS

##### Venetian Way Waterway Clean-up

Sunday, February 26, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The Neighborhood Services Community Resource and Outreach Team and the Environmental Coalition of Miami Beach (ECOMB) is sponsoring a cleanup of Venetian Way. Residents and volunteers will participate in the event. Miami Beach continues to work cooperatively and in partnership with volunteer groups throughout the community in efforts to make the City an even better place to live, work and play. Interested volunteers can register at [www.ecomb.org/event](http://www.ecomb.org/event).

#### CITY OFFERS FREE CERT TRAINING

The Miami Beach Fire Department offers free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to residents. The next training begins Wednesday, March 1. Classes are every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for five weeks. The program helps neighborhoods prepare and respond after disasters and emergencies. Training includes basic disaster survival and rescue skills that improve the ability of citizens to survive until assistance arrives. Applications are available online. Go to [miamibeachfl.gov](http://miamibeachfl.gov) and click on Public Safety. For more information, contact Valerie Montgomery or David Mogen in the Fire Department at 305.673.7123.

**EXPANDING HOURS TO SERVE YOU BETTER**  
To better assist callers, The Miami Beach Answer Center has extended its hours of operation until 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**305.604.CITY (2489)**

### CLEANERSAFER

## Fire Fighters Visit Normandy Shores Playtime Group

The Miami Beach Fire Department recently introduced fire safety to the young children attending one of the City's Playtime groups. The children spent a week studying fire and safety in preparation for the firefighters' arrival. Miami Beach Fire Inspector David Mogen and other fire fighters talked to the kids about fire, safety and the difference between real fire tools and toys. The firefighters dressed in full uniform to show and explain to the children what they have to wear. The children also climbed aboard a real fire truck and were awarded their very own fire hats at the end of the program.

"We plan this visit for the class every year as it is of great importance for these young children to learn about fire and safety," said Donna Leighton, Recreation Program Supervisor.

The Normandy Shores Park Playtime Program is held daily for children who are three years old. Miami Beach also offers a Playtime Program at Flamingo Park, in the Police Athletic League building. For information on this and other recreation programs, please call 305.673.7730, or, visit our website at [www.miamibeachparks.com](http://www.miamibeachparks.com).

